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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

This constitutes an Information Disclosure Statement pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98. The attached document listed on the accompanying "IDS List of References" (a substitute for Form PTO/SB/08) is hereby brought to the Examiner's attention in the patent application identified above.

REMARKS

The presently submitted reference, Cite No. F1 as listed on the IDS List of References, is not in English. Cite No. F1 was cited in a communication issued on September 16, 2008 by the Japanese Patent Office in a counterpart Japanese application.

(In addition to the reference presently being submitted, the JPO also cited other references, listed at items 1 and 2 under "List of Cited Documents" on the final page of its communication. These Japanese publications have already been submitted, in an IDS dated October 3, 2005 in the instant case, and because they are thus cumulative to material already made of record, these references are not being submitted here.)

Concise Explanation of Relevance/Copy of Translation
Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3)

As a concise explanation of the relevance of Cite No. F1, an English translation of the JPO Communication in its entirety is submitted herewith. (A copy of the JPO communication in Japanese in its entirety follows the English translation.)

In addition, an English abstract of Cite No. F1 is available on the Japanese Patent Office website through Patent Abstracts of Japan (PAJ), and a copy of the corresponding PAJ abstract is attached to the front of the reference.

STATEMENT AS SPECIFIED IN 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)

The undersigned hereby states that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than 3 months prior to the filing of this statement.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider this reference, and to indicate so on the accompanying IDS List of References and make the list of record in the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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